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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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FOR JONATHAN OWEN, USIS FROM FSI

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AFSP

SUBJECT: ARRIVAL OF DR. OMAR

1. DR. MARGARET OMAR, FSI LINGUIST, EXPECTED TO ARRIVE JIDDA APPROXIMATELY FEBRUARY 25 TO BEGIN MAKING TAPES FOR SAUDI BASIC COURSE. THIS PROJECT WAS MOVED UP UNEXPECTEDLY DUE TO HER PROJECTED WORKLOAD LATER IN SPRING. DR. OMAR WOULD LIKE TO WORK ON TAPING AS CLOSE TO FULLTIME AS POSSIBLE, PERHAPS FINISHING IN THREE WEEKS.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE SOME PREPARATION IN SUPPORT OF HER PROJECT, IF POSSIBLE ON THIS SHORT NOTICE. SPECIFICALLY,

DOES EMBASSY OR PARTICULARLY USIS HAVE STUDIO FACILITIES FOR MAKING TAPES IN JIDDA OR RIYADH; IF SO, WHAT SORT? CAN ENGINEER BE FOUND OR MADE AVAILABLE TO WORK WITH HER FULLTIME? CAN 3M TYPE 208 TAPE, PREFERABLY ON TEN-INCH REELS, BE PURCHASED LOCALLY? AT WHAT PRICE? BORROWED FROM USIS STOCK AND REPLACED FROM FSI STOCK?

3. WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF HAMDI RIDA COULD CONTACT YOUNIS ISHAQ RE SERVING AS NATIVE SPEAKER ON TAPES, AS WELL AS
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ANOTHER HIJAZI (JIDDA DIALECT) NATIVE SPEAKER, EXPLAINING

THAT THEY WILL BE PAID FOR SERVICES AND ALSO NECESSITY TO

WORK THREE OR FOUR HOURS PER DAY EACH DURING THE PERIOD
OF DR. OMAR'S STAY.

4. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS NOT NEEDED. INGERSOLL

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